Rail transport statistics. Recast

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PURPOSE: to consolidate Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: this proposal concerns the **recast of Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council** of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics.

The codification is carried out in the interests of clarity, given that the Regulation has been substantially amended several times. The new regulation will replace the various acts incorporated therein, whilst fully preserving its substance.

CONTENT: the objective of this Regulation is to **establish common rules for the production of rail transport statistics** at Union level.

Statistics on the transport of goods and passengers by rail are necessary:

- to enable the Commission to: (i) monitor and develop the common transport policy, as well as the transport elements of policies relating to the regions and to trans-European networks; (ii) monitor Union action in the field of transport safety;
- in order to **fulfil the monitoring tasks** provided for in Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Scope of the Regulation: this proposed Regulation shall cover all railways in the Union. Each Member State shall report statistics which relate to rail transport on its national territory. Where a railway undertaking operates in more than one Member State, the national authorities concerned shall require the undertaking to provide data separately for each country in which it operates so as to enable national statistics to be compiled.

Member States may exclude from the scope of this Regulation:

- railway undertakings which operate entirely or mainly within industrial and similar installations, including harbours;
- railway undertakings which mainly provide local tourist services, such as preserved historical steam railways.

The **annual statistics** to be collected on the carriage of goods and passengers are set out in the Annexes to the Regulation.

The proposal states that Member States should take all necessary measures to ensure the quality of the data transmitted. The quality of the statistical data shall be evaluated by Eurostat.

By 31 December 2020 and every four years thereafter, the Commission shall report on the implementation of the Regulation and on future developments.

DELEGATED ACTS: the proposal contains provisions empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.